

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Drewitz Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT June 1952

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REFERENCES

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1. In June 1952, source observed that a spur track was under construction toward Drewitz airfield. This spur track branched off from the Cottbus-Duben railroad line near Jaenschwalde.
2. On 16 June, work started on the removal of the humus soil on the runway at Drewitz airfield. On 30 June, a strip of 900 meters was completed. A total of 500 persons were employed on this day. The laying of the spur track was to be completed by 15 July. The 1952 construction plan included the construction of a runway, the southern taxiway with hardstands, and a cantonment. Barracks installations and hangars were scheduled to be built in 1952/1953 and, subsequently, an aircraft plant was to be constructed in 1953. Construction work at the field was under the supervision of the Soviet construction staff in Merder. The area of the field was inspected by members of the GSD, VP and criminal investigation police.
3. Two original documents were found at the field. One of them contains information that a wire fence with concrete supports is to be built around the field. According to the second document, the starting date, 1 August 1952, for concreting work on the runway and taxiways cannot be met because of a delay in the delivery of construction machines. The document also indicates that work at the field is done by the Dresden Bauunion and supervised by the Merder construction staff. \*

25X1\* Comment.

The report contains credible details on the intended construction work and the target dates for the construction project. Work is only in the initial stage. The report indicates that the completion of the field can definitely not be expected in 1952.

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